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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the office action of November 13, 2003 relating to the above application in which the Examiner held that the response of June 30, 2003 was not responsive to the office action since it argued the rejection based upon U.S. Patent No. 5,990,344 rather than EP 0839793. This is an incorrect interpretation of the art since the two references are synonymous as can be seen from the International Search Report which was submitted with the information disclosure statement. Applicants are submitting herewith a second copy wherein it is seen on the enclosed page that EP 0839793 is equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,990,344 as indicated in red on the copy submitted herewith. Therefore, the earlier response was proper and Applicants argued the rejection thereof. Therefore, withdrawal of the notice of November 13, 2003 is

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requested and that the Examiner act upon the amendment of June 30, 2003 as well as the supplemental response filed September 12, 2003 with the executed declaration.

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# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
 IPC 7 B01J23/58 C07C67/055

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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